

country's most pressing issues, and I invite you to join me in honoring the words of his prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EBOLA

(Mr. PITTENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Nancy Writebol, a dedicated Christian missionary from Charlotte who chose to run toward danger.

Ms. Writebol and her husband, David, serve as missionaries with SIM at a hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. They turned down the opportunity to evacuate when Ebola struck Liberia. Instead, Nancy volunteered to help sanitize the medical personnel and their equipment as they worked in the Ebola isolation ward.

This week, Nancy learned that she, too, has contracted Ebola. Like the people she volunteered to help, Nancy is now in isolation. Although stable, she is battling an illness that kills 60 percent of the victims. Nancy and David could have chosen the easy route. Instead, they chose a higher calling of sacrificial love and service.

Please join me in praying for Nancy's complete recovery and giving thanks for the Writebols, Samaritan's Purse, and the SIM mission agency for working tirelessly to help Ebola victims and others in need in Liberia.

DEMOCRATS' MIDDLE CLASS AGENDA

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, the economy is rebounding, but many of our constituents are still feeling the effects of the recession. Millions of people are still unemployed after losing jobs that never came back during the recovery.

The recently passed Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is a step that will help prepare Americans for in-demand jobs based on the needs of local businesses, resulting in a more skilled workforce and greater business productivity. But our failure to fully embrace and address this challenge is unacceptable. So today I rise to highlight the importance of investing in the true engine of our economy, the American worker.

We have a great opportunity to build the middle class with a jump-start agenda that focuses on American workers. This agenda incentivizes U.S. job

creation, increases infrastructure investments, and raises the minimum wage, all of which will help workers find quality, stable employment. We still have a lot of work to do to rebuild our economy, but investing in American workers is the right path forward.

TONY GELDENS: DUTCH RESISTANCE FIGHTER, AMERICAN PATRIOT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Tony Geldens was a Dutch boy when on May 10, 1940, the Nazis invaded and occupied the Netherlands. Persecution of the Jews began immediately by the occupiers. Jews were required to wear yellow Stars of David on their clothing. Jews were shot, beaten, and sent to concentration camps.

Tony and a few of his Boy Scout friends joined the Dutch resistance. Tony began a 4-year career of being the Robin Hood of the Netherlands. He would steal supplies and food from the Nazis and give them to local Jews and citizens, much to the risk of his own safety. He hid Jews and helped rescue American and Allied pilots that had been shot down over the Netherlands. He would help the pilots through the Dutch underground and help get them safely to England.

Tony was arrested, beaten, and imprisoned numerous times by the Nazis, only to escape. He was on trial by the Nazis when the Canadians liberated his hometown. Numerous Jews and Allied pilots lived because of Tony Geldens.

Tony moved to America in 1967, married Anna, had five kids, and finally became a U.S. citizen in 2000. He wore the American flag lapel pin every day of his life.

He was an architect and political and community activist. My very good and personal friend Tony Geldens died yesterday in Kingwood, Texas, at the age of 90. Tony will be missed deeply. He was quite an individual.

And that is just the way it is.

REPUBLICAN LAWSUIT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, with just 2 days left until the Congress leaves for a 5-week recess, I rise today to urge my colleagues to take the little time we have left to address the issues that are most important to the American people.

As we speak, Republicans in Congress are wasting taxpayer money and time on a lawsuit against the President. Over what? Because they disagree with his political ideology. From the very day he was elected, the Republicans have been determined to delegitimize

this President, even at the cost of their constituents not receiving their unemployment insurance extension and other things. What is it, Mr. Speaker, about this President that will have our colleagues on the other side of the aisle resort to anything to delegitimize him?

He is the President of the United States, elected by the majority of the people in this Nation. And I say that he should be respected, as every other President in this great Nation has been.

STOP DISABILITY FRAUD ACT OF 2014

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every worker in America pays a portion of their hard-earned wages into the Social Security Disability Insurance program for promised benefits if he or she becomes too disabled to work.

While providing a vital safety net, the disability program is plagued by major fraud. This fraud reveals significant weaknesses in the program that put at risk not only billions of taxpayer dollars but also the benefits on which millions of disabled Americans rely.

At a time when the program revenues will cover only 81 percent of benefits in 2016, not one dime should be lost to fraud, waste, or abuse. That is why as chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee, I am introducing the Stop Disability Fraud Act which makes fair, commonsense changes to combat fraud and better protect taxpayers and beneficiaries. Americans want, need, and deserve no less. I urge my colleagues to support this effort.

DO YOUR JOB

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, thanks to the GOP majority, our immigration system is still broken, offshore tax loopholes are still open, criminals can still buy guns on the Internet, and corporations can still pay workers poverty wages.

When you have no record to run on, when you have destroyed what little faith Americans have left for this institution, what do you do? You sue the President for doing his job, when the problem is that you refuse to do your own.

Mr. Speaker, the GOP is guilty of recklessly abandoning 3.5 million job seekers who need unemployment insurance to feed their families, guilty of putting gun industry interests ahead of public safety, and guilty of willfully neglecting the priorities of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, in the condominiums of south Florida, my constituents sometimes turn to Yiddish to find the perfect word. They have a message for the GOP majority: Stop this mishegas—craziness—and do your jobs.

EXECUTIVE OVERREACH

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, article I of the Constitution vests the power to make laws in the United States Congress. The President is given the responsibility to faithfully execute the laws passed by the Congress. President Obama has failed to understand this vital distinction. The President is not able to unilaterally bend the law to his own goals and desires.

Take, for example, the latest news reports indicating that he plans to expand amnesty and extend work permits and visas for millions of illegal aliens, all by using executive orders. These are not lawful actions. These are the power-hungry actions of a President who refuses to work with Congress.

By suing President Obama for failing to faithfully execute the laws of the land, we are saying, stop. The people's representatives will not turn a blind eye to the lawlessness of this President. We will do whatever it takes to hold him and future occupants of the Oval Office accountable. We must make it clear that the U.S. Congress is a coequal branch of government and one that represents we, the people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from improper references to the President.

THE BUFFALO BILLS

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, in my western New York community, there is no shortage of pride for our NFL Buffalo Bills. Taxpayers are currently investing millions into the existing stadium, and the community is engaged in discussions about future ownership and potential construction of a new stadium.

Despite this, outside interests are making moves to pull the team out of Buffalo, and antiquated rules turn TV screens black on game day. Both threaten to take the team away from its loyal fan base.

Our legislation, the Furthering Access and Networks for Sports Act, eliminates the antitrust exemption that gives NFL teams the ability to black out home games that haven't sold out and ensures that local fans will be able to watch their teams from home.

The people of Buffalo have stood by our team. And the next owner of this franchise, the Buffalo Bills, must be one that will stand with this community for generations to come.

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(Mr. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, article I of our Constitution says Congress makes the laws, article II says the President enforces them, and according to article III, the judicial branch resolves conflicts between Congress and the executive. That is the system the Founders gave us. That is why the House of Representatives is taking the President to court to stop his unlawful actions.

According to legal experts, legislators sued the executive branch 41 times. Sixty-eight percent of the time, they were brought by Democrats, including the Rules Committee ranking member, who joined a 2006 Democratic lawsuit against President Bush. Now, you would think the Democrats could have better spent that time working to avoid the Great Recession of 2008.

President Obama unilaterally delayed the legislative mandate in the Affordable Care Act without consulting Congress. This is only one of many areas he has abused his executive authority, with the latest abuse leading up to the current border crisis.

No President of either party should ever abuse their power. That is why this lawsuit is so necessary.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, Democrats overwhelmingly supported a sustainable solution to the current shortfall in the highway trust fund, but when the entire House didn't adopt it, the Democrats provided the votes to move the issue on to the Senate, confident that with more time and discussion, we can do better, especially working with the vast army of stakeholders who build, maintain, and use our Nation's transportation system.

Our cooperation and confidence yesterday was rewarded as the Senate overwhelmingly passed what was essentially the Democratic motion of 2 weeks ago. With the artful and strong leadership of Chairman WYDEN, Chairwoman BOXER, Ranking Member HATCH, Senators CARPER, CORKER, and MURPHY, they carried the argument, and they carried the day. The result was 79 votes for a sustainable solution.

Mr. Speaker, the stakeholders are united. They are out now across the country, arguing that we allow the House to vote on the Senate proposal. Let's commit to working together to solve this transportation problem.

RECOGNIZING HOBE AND SUE WILLIAMS FOR THEIR WORK IN THE DAILY BREAD COMMUNITY KITCHEN

(Mr. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hobe and Sue Williams for their service to the people of the great State of Tennessee.

Hobe and Sue founded the Daily Bread Community Kitchen in Morristown, Tennessee, in November of 1994 in response to what they saw as a growing need for feeding the poor. Upon opening, the Daily Bread managed to feed around 50 people a day.

Today, the nonprofit feeds over 350 people a day, every day except Sundays, and has just renovated their building, providing them with an even greater opportunity to serve their east Tennessee neighbors. Twenty years later and staffed with 150 volunteers, the Daily Bread continues to provide for those most in need.

At age 89, Hobe Williams, with his wife, Sue, by his side, have no immediate plans to retire and continue to work hard for the people of east Tennessee. East Tennessee is a better place to live and our community is stronger because of the dedication of people like Hobe and Sue Williams.

God bless you, Hobe and Sue, for your service and friendship, and I wish you all the best with the newly-renovated building.

ANOTHER LOST SUMMER

(Mr. CONNOLLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, the Republican House is about to go out for 5 weeks, but first, they are going to sue the President and hope that we don't pay attention to the unfinished business of this country. I only have 1 minute, so I am going to have to read it fast.

Let me list for you some of the bills they are not going to address: comprehensive immigration reform, propping up the highway trust fund, funding the Federal Government, reauthorizing the Ex-Im Bank, providing additional resources to fight wildfires in the West, bipartisan Federal IT procurement reform, raising the minimum wage, extending emergency unemployment insurance, reauthorizing terrorism risk insurance, comprehensive tax reform, modernizing the Voting Rights Amendment Act, and ensuring equal pay and nondiscrimination of the workplace.

I have run out of time, but our constituents have run out of patience with this majority.

MAJORITY LEADER ERIC CANTOR AND ISRAEL

(Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Majority Leader ERIC CANTOR and to support a country I know is so dear to his heart.